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AS FOR RUSSIA'S EARLIER CLAIMED SUCCESSFUL FIRING OF AN INTERCONTINENTAL BALLISTIC MISSILE, SOVILLE SAID CIA CANNOT PROVE WHETHER THEY DID FIRE THE MISSILE OR NOT.

"WE KNOW THEY HAVE CAPACITY TO FIRE SUCH A TEST VEHICLE IF THEY WANT," HE ADDED. "THIS PROGRAM HAS A HIGH PRIORITY AND THEY ARE PUTTING FORTH TERMENDOUS EFFORTS."

AS FOR MILITARY TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENT GENERALLY, SCOVILLE SAID THERE IS NO QUESTION BUT THAT THE RUSSIANS ARE "MOVING FORWARD BY LEAPS AND BOUNDS." HE SAID:

"IN THE ELECTRONICS FIELD THEY HAVE A TREMENDOUS PROGRAM FOR SATISFYING MILITARY REQUIREMENTS. THEY HAVE A GOOD RADAR SYSTEM."

"RUMOR HAS IT THAT THE RUSSIAN COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM IN THE ANTARCTIC IS SO SUPERIOR THAT THE U.S. EXPEDITION HAS USED IT ON OCCASION TO SEND MESSAGES.

"IN THE ATOMIC ENERGY PROGRAM NUCLEAR TESTS ARE BEING CONDUCTED ON A LARGE SCALE. IN THE PAST MONTH (SEPTEMBER) THEY HAVE BEEN CONDUCTING TWO ATOMIC TEST SERIES SIMULTANEOUSLY AT GREAT DISTANCES APART, WHICH MEANS THEY HAVE ENOUGH PEOPLE AND EQUIPMENT TO HANDLE TWO TESTS AT ONCE."

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